## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 2020-176-E

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In the Matter of:	)	
Application of Duke Energy Progress,	)	
LLC for Approval of Demand-Side	)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Management and Energy Efficiency	)	
Rider 12, Increasing Residential Rates	)	
and Decreasing Non-Residential Rates	)	
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The South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy ("SACE") and the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League ("CCL") (collectively, "Petitioners") hereby petition the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") to intervene in the above-captioned docket pursuant to R. 103-825 of the Commission's rules. In support of this petition, Petitioners state as follows:

- 1. On July 31, 2020, Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") filed an application for approval of its DSM and EE cost recovery and incentive rider for 2021 ("Rider 12"). The proposed Rider 12 consists of components calculated under DEP's cost recovery and incentive mechanism approved in Docket No. 2015-163-E.
- 2. The South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP ("SC NAACP") is a nonpartisan, nonprofit civil rights organization founded in 1939, with its principal place of business located in Columbia, South Carolina. The SC NAACP is the leading civil rights organization in South Carolina and is made up of 54 active branches and councils/chapters with approximately 8,425 individual members throughout the state of South Carolina, including the DEP service area. Those SC NAACP members would be subject to the direct impacts of DEP's proposed DSM/EE programs and rider. SC NAACP and its members have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. The SC

NAACP's primary focus is the protection of the civil rights of all people; ensuring equity in the areas of education, healthcare access and environmental justice, criminal justice, voting rights, political engagement, and economic sustainability; and expanding youth and young adult engagement.

- 3. SACE is a regional nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote responsible energy choices that address global climate change and ensure clean, safe and healthy communities throughout the Southeast. SACE has its principal office in Tennessee, with a mailing address of Post Office Box 1842, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37901. SACE also has offices in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.
- 4. CCL is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina. CCL advocates for energy efficiency and supports the development of energy policy that is in the public interest of South Carolinians. The principal address of CCL is 131 Spring Street, Charleston, South Carolina, 29403.
- 5. Petitioners and their members have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. Petitioners have members who are customers of DEP and are therefore subject to the direct impacts of DEP's DSM/EE rider. Petitioners and their members are interested in promoting greater reliance on DSM and EE resources to meet South Carolina's energy needs.
- 6. Petitioners CCL and SACE participated actively in and were parties to the stipulations of settlement in Docket Nos. 2009-190-E, 2009-191-E, and also participated actively in past annual DSM/EE rider proceedings, including Docket Nos. 2018-255-E, 2017-245-E, 2016-289-E, 2015-163-E, 2014-89-E, and 2013-76-E.

- 7. Petitioners seek to intervene in this proceeding in order to ensure that their members' interests in promoting energy savings through cost-effective DSM and EE are represented. Petitioners are also interested in ensuring that DEP's DSM and EE programs are delivering results, and that the costs and incentives to be recovered via the rider are based on measured and verified energy savings.
  - 8. Petitioners are represented by the following counsel in this proceeding:

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WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray that they be allowed to intervene in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of September, 2020.

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In the Matter of:	)	
Application of Duke Energy	)	
Progress, LLC for Approval of Rider	)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
DSM/EE-12, Decreasing Residential	)	
Rates and Increasing Non-Residential	)	
Rate	)	

I certify that the following persons have been served with one (1) copy of the Petition to Intervene by electronic mail and/or U.S. First Class Mail at the addresses set forth below:

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